

PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN NO. PA450-2-1

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SUBJECT: TCH – Act 6 Assistance

Purpose. To provide guidance on assisting a producer participating in the Act 6 Nutrient Management Program.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2002.

Background. The combination of the Act 6 cost share program (with third party vendors providing nutrient management assistance and possibly engineering assistance) with NRCS policies on conservation planning (including the nutrient management policy and CNMPs) and technical assistance to animal operations poses some challenges to provide coordinated technical assistance to meet program requirements and the farmer's objectives.

NRCS should play an integral role in the development of an Act 6 nutrient plan, and must play a role in cases where the farmer wants our assistance with implementation of the Act 6 nutrient plan. NRCS involvement early in the planning process is essential so that the Act 6 plan is consistent with our policies and the conservation plan prepared for the farmer.

Action. The attached flow chart shows the sequence to follow in assisting with an Act 6 plan. This flow chart is meant as a guide, not policy. Some deviations are possible as long as all the items are addressed and there is clear understanding at the local level of what needs to be done and who has responsibility. The items in ***Bold Italics*** are items to be accomplished by NRCS or as a joint effort of NRCS and the conservation district. The other items are the responsibility of the landowner, the district, a third party vendor, or PDA/SCC. Not all of the non-NRCS items are shown, but all of the Act 6 requirements still apply regardless of who performs the task.

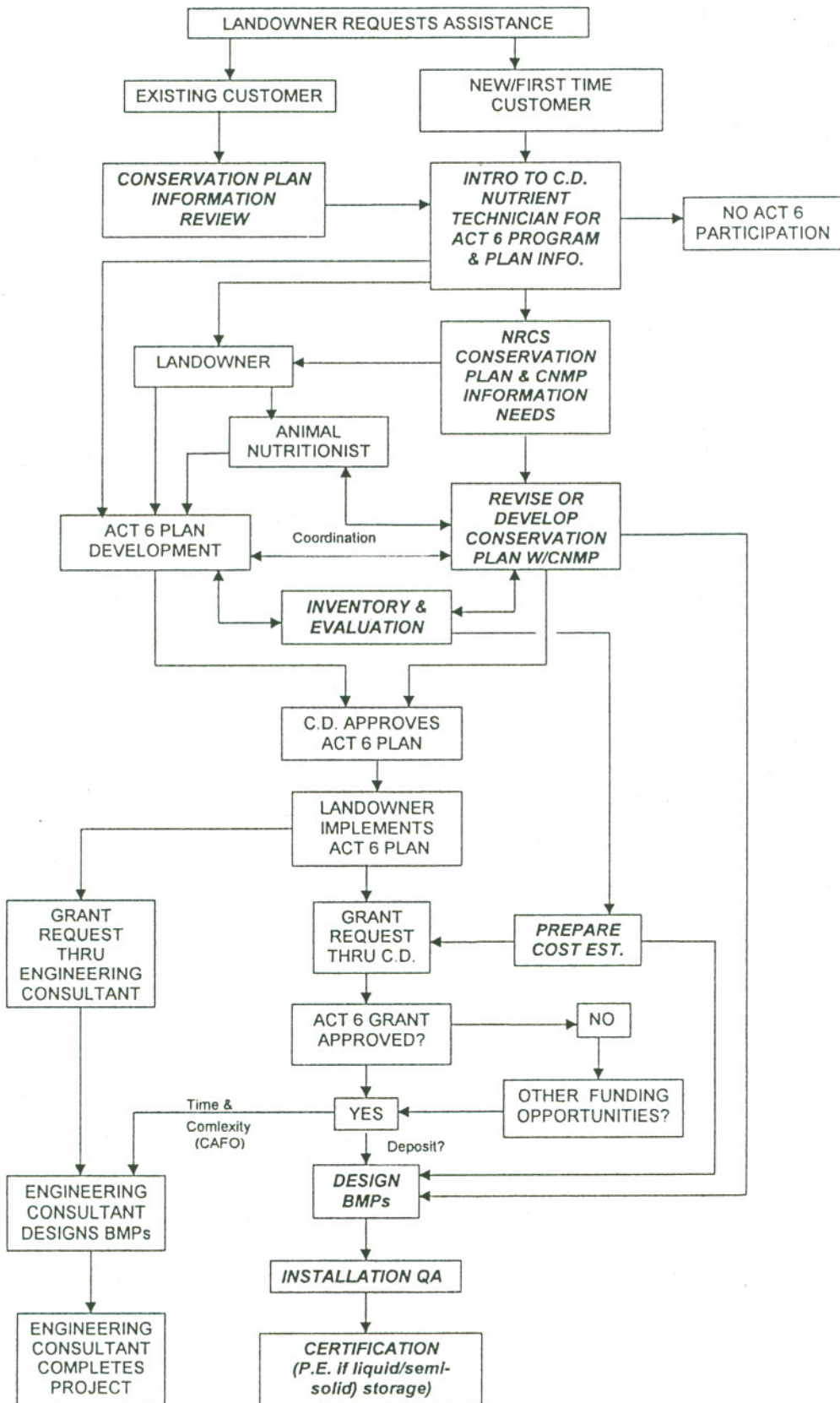


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NRCS ASSISTANCE TO ACT 6 PROJECTS



NOTE: Activities in **BOLD ITALICS** are NRCS or NRCS with Cons. District.